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Case No. 9683/58

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Mobuhiko NAKA

Serial No: 09/462,127

Examiner: HAN, Qi

Filed: December 29, 1999

Group Art Unit: 1654

For: SPEECH DECODER AND  
SPEECH DECODING METHOD

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to Office Action dated August 18, 2003 for a period of 2 month(s).

☒ Applicant:

☐ claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

☒ is other than small entity


	<u>Extension Months</u>	<u>Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	One Month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Two Months	\$420.00	\$210.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Three Months	\$950.00	\$475.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four Months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five Months	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

**Fee Payment**

- ☒ Attached is a check for \$420 for the Petition fee.
- ☐ Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Petition fee.
- ☐ Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- ☒ Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 30, 2003

  
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